

## SOURCE WATER PROTECTION PRE-APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

For more information about source water assessments and protection activities refer to the Drinking Water Source Assessment and Protection Program, January 1999.  
(<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/dwsap/DWSAPindex.htm> )

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**WATER SYSTEM NAME:** The name of the city, county district, nonprofit organization or company.  
Examples: ABC Irrigation District, Smithtown PUD, John Doe School.

**WATER SYSTEM NUMBER:** The number assigned to your water system by the State or County Health Department. Your system number may be located on your mailing label and consists of a seven-digit number.

**POPULATION SERVED:** The total estimated population served by the water system.

**COUNTY:** The name of the county in which the water system is physically located.

1. Type of system: funds from this program are only available for **Source Water Protection** projects for drinking water sources. Only community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems are eligible. If your project or water system does not meet the stated criteria, do not submit a pre-application.
2. The type of contaminant(s) (see Page 2 of pre-application), and the associated Possible Contaminating Activities (PCAs) should be described in sufficient detail to allow the Department to understand and evaluate the nature of the problem. The description should identify the area or zone in which the associated PCAs are located.

When documentation is available to substantiate the contaminant threat (e.g., source water assessment, wellhead protection plan, ground water or watershed management plan) it should be attached to the form. If you are proposing more than one project, a separate pre-application should be submitted.

3. Assign a project title; the title should be 10 words or less and should include the name of the source addressed by the project. Examples: "Smith Lake Sanitary Facilities Improvement"; "Well 1 Nitrate Abatement"
4. Describe the proposed project that will address the contaminant(s) of concern. Projects that may be **eligible** for funding include only those that are directly associated with **source water protection** measures such as destruction of abandoned wells; hazardous waste collection programs; public education; water quality monitoring at critical points in protection areas; fencing out cattle and other animals from intakes, tributaries or reservoir boundaries; restricting public access to critical portions of protection areas; evaluations of agricultural practices and education on best management practices; installation of signs at boundaries of zones or protection areas; land acquisition; conservation easements; and structures to divert contaminated runoff from the source.

Projects that are **ineligible** for SRF-SWP funding include: construction of new drinking water sources; reconstruction of existing drinking water sources; treatment of a drinking water source; or remediation of a contaminant. Ineligible projects include those for which other funding mechanisms already exist, such as cleanup for identified hazardous waste sites and leaking underground storage tanks. SRF-SWP funds cannot be used for federal or state agency projects.

5. Provide your best estimate of the amount of SRF **Source Water Protection** Loan Funding that would be needed to complete the project described in this pre-application. The maximum amount of funding available per project is \$2,000,000.
6. Indicate whether a California DWSAP assessment has been completed for this source(s). If an assessment has not been completed, indicate the entity that will do the assessment and the expected date of completion.

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**Source Water Protection** projects should address one or more Possible Contaminating Activities (PCAs) associated with the contaminant of concern. The project should be located within source water protection zones, recharge areas, or buffer zones. The following information will be used to rank projects.

Refer to the source water assessment for your source for additional information.

- A. Indicate the type of contaminant(s) to be addressed by the project. The project may address multiple types of contaminants, but in this section indicate the contaminant that the project is primarily intended to address.
- B. The project should address one or more PCAs located in source water protection areas for a source. The size and location of zones are identified in the source water assessment. In this section, indicate the zones in which the PCAs to be addressed occur. Use ground water zones for ground water sources. Use surface water zones for surface water sources. Applications for ground water sources may also include projects located in recharge areas or buffer zones, which are not identified in a source water assessment.
- C. Supplemental Questions
  - 1. If a local committee, task force, or other group already exists that can develop and implement a source water protection program, answer "Yes". The group should include a variety of stakeholders.
  - 2. If a written plan has already been prepared that identifies source water protection measures for the source(s) addressed by this project, answer "Yes". Equivalent documents might include a groundwater management plan or a wellhead protection plan.
  - 3. Has the contaminant(s) to be addressed by this project been released? Is the direction of movement of the contaminant towards the source(s)? If the answer to both of these questions is yes, answer "Yes" for this question.
- D. Identify the components of the proposed project. Check all that apply.

Mail or Fax the completed pre-application (both pages) to the DHS District Office for your area. See the separate listing of DHS District Offices.